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Foreign Policy Presents "What Can We Do To Help War Victims?"

The Franklin County Foreign Policy Association of which Dr. David R. Porter of Mount Hermon is president will discuss the plight of war victims at its next meeting in the auditorium of the Junior High School in Greenfield next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Conrad Hoffman, who in the last war had charge of all the welfare work which the Allies were able to carry forward in the Central nations among 4,000,000 prisoners of war, will discuss current efforts to aid war victims and refugees generally. He has recently returned from Germany.

Atty. Emil Slowinski, whose present interest in the problem is also based on first hand experience in the World War, will also speak. A native of Polish Austria who grew up in this country, he enlisted in the Polish Legion in Canada. He was assigned by the Polish National committee to its London headquarters where, among other duties, he was charged with repatriation of Poles impressed by the Central powers who had given themselves up for Allied internment in England. Later for five years he served as acting chancellor of the Polish legation at Washington before starting the practice of law here.

The continuing, and further aggravated, problem of persecution of Jewish populations in Europe will be discussed by Atty. Joseph Talamo, president of the Worcester county bar association, member of the executive committee of the New England Zionists and president of the Worcester Jewish Community council. He is expected to describe the Jewish hope for a national home in Palestine as well as other possible solutions.

Although this will be the first meeting of the county branch not preceded by a luncheon or dinner, the program will follow the usual practice of inviting question or argument from the floor after the speakers have outlined the subject.

Mrs. Rose Kendrick

Mrs. Rose G. Kendrick, 65, widow of Dr. James F. Kendrick, died in her home on Highland avenue last Thursday, Nov. 23. She had been in poor health for some time.

She was born Rose Gladys Sherburne, Feb. 26, 1874, in Sheffield, Vt., the eighth of nine children of Chester Flint Sherburne and Harriet Lawrence Sherburne. She attended the local schools and was graduated from Johnson Normal school, Johnson, Vt., in 1893. After teaching for several years she was married to Dr. James F. Kendrick, Dec. 4, 1901. Their married life was spent in West Charleston and West Burke, Vt. Following her husband's death 17 years ago, Mrs. Kendrick came to Northfield, where her elder daughter was attending Northfield seminary. She purchased the large home on Highland avenue at the corner of Glenwood Ave., which was called "Kenhome," and where for many years she provided a home for at least twenty seminary students during the school year.

Mrs. Kendrick was a member of the Congregational church, of the Fortnightly Woman's club and affiliated with several other organizations. Although of quiet and unassuming manner, Mrs. Kendrick was honored and esteemed by many friends, who loved and enjoyed her friendship. She was devoted to her family and to the care of those who made their home with her.

She is survived by two daughters, Muriel Sherburne Kendrick of Laconia, N. H., and Mrs. Lawrence L. Daggett of Honolulu; four sisters and one brother; Mrs. B. J. Campbell of Meriden, Ct.; Mrs. O. J. Leonard of Lyndonville, Vt.; Mrs. A. D. Phillips of Orleans, Vt.; Miss H. H. Sherburne and F. C. Sherburne of St. Johnsbury, Vt., as well as several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held at the home on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, with Rev. W. Stanley Carne and Rev. Ellis E. Jones officiating. A quartet from the seminary sang. Bearers were Aden Phillips, Frank W. Pearsall, John T. Holden and Dr. Sherburne Campbell. The body was taken on Sunday to Glover, Vt., and after a brief service there was buried in the Westlook cemetery.

Members of the Vorce family, who were injured in the automobile accident, Thursday evening of last week, are recovering from their bruises, except Mrs. Addison who was taken to Franklin county hospital for further observation and treatment.

Big Ashuelot Fire Destroys Large Plant Heavy Financial Loss

Flames early Sunday morning destroyed the large plant of the Ashuelot Reel Company located on the southern side of the Ashuelot River along the tracks of the railroad in the village of Ashuelot, causing a loss of over a \$100,000. The main building of the plant was leveled, and the bright fire shown plainly in the sky from Northfield.

The factory employed 65 hands who will be thrown out of work temporarily, and was to have hired 40 additional men to meet recently increased orders for its products—large wooden spools on which wire cables are coiled.

Traffic on the line—the Ashuelot division of the Boston & Maine railroad—was interrupted, and the railroad provided busses to reroute passengers.

The fire, cause unknown, swept through the factory in a path 120 feet long and 60 feet wide, destroying stock and new machinery then levelled a boiler house, a drying house, piles of lumber and burned a freight car. Flames spread into nearby woods.

Firemen from Winchester, Ashuelot and Hinsdale and forestry workers fought the fire. The business was owned by John H. Proctor and the plant by Ansel Dickinson & Sons.

Mount Hermon Church Adds Many Members

Two hundred and five students were received into membership of the Mount Hermon church at the school's Memorial chapel last Sunday. Dr. J. Glover Johnson, acting pastor of the church, presided at the service. The Rev. Frank E. Dunn, alumni secretary, baptized three of the members who joined by confession of faith.

Dr. Albert W. Beaven, president of Rochester-Colgate Theological school, addressed the entire student body of 550 boys on "The Task of the Christian church for Tomorrow." He pointed out that this was no time to stand on the sidelines. "Everyone who wants the church of Christ to live must assume responsibility for its progress; otherwise the benefits will cease."

Student deacons of the church who assisted in the Communion service included Robert A. Clark, Norman Burt, Mordecai Johnson, and Richard Buntun.

Elie - Bassett

Miss Grace Bassett of this town and John Elie of Deerfield were married at Greenfield in the St. James Episcopal chapel last Thursday evening, Nov. 23, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. John Whitehead performed the double ring service.

The bride wore a white chiffon gown and carried yellow tea roses. She was attended by Miss Zildora LaShier of Greenfield who wore a blue taffeta gown. Theron Small of Turners Falls, was best man.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassett and is a graduate of Northfield High School in the class of 1939. The groom is a son of George Elie of Deerfield and is employed as a mechanic on the railroad. They will make their home in Deerfield.

Margo Harsanyi Weds

Miss Margo Harsanyi, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Ladislaus Harsanyi of New York City, and a member of an old Hungarian family was married in New York last Saturday in the First Magyar Presbyterian church to Charles Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Randolph of Pasadena, Calif., and of the well-known Randolph family of Virginia.

The bride's father performed the ceremony. On their return from a wedding trip to Mexico the couple will live in Pasadena.

The bride, whose father has been a member of the New York Presbytery for more than 30 years attended the Horace Mann school and Northfield seminary where she made many friends during her student years.

B. and M. R. R. Gains

Net income of \$406,153.52 over and above its fixed charges was earned by the Boston & Maine railroad in October, it is shown in the monthly financial statement released this week. This compares with deficit of \$670,533.14, reported in October, last year.

Figures for the first 10 months show that Boston & Maine is "in the black" to the extent of \$311,338.90, as compared with a deficit of \$4,239,626.45 reported in the comparable period last year.



Miss Helen Durgin, Youngest Member, Plays In Pioneer Valley Symphony; Many Will Attend These Concerts

Northfield has a particular interest in the forthcoming three concerts of the Pioneer Valley Symphony orchestra because of the participation of Miss Helen Durgin with the first violins and E. S. Frary with the cellos.

Miss Durgin is the youngest member of the orchestra. Her father, Russell Durgin, is a YMCA official in Japan. She was born in Darien, Manchuria, and is now a student at Northfield seminary. She started playing the violin when seven years old and studied under Prof. Liebricht in Tokio. Her present teacher is Harold Leslie of Greenfield.

The concerts will be held in the Greenfield High School auditorium on Sundays—Dec. 10, Feb. 4, April 7—and are sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Greenfield. The proceeds are for the underprivileged child fund and the ticket committee of the club at their last meeting report that already over half of the seating capacity has been sold. The series of concerts will provide an opportunity to aid two worthy causes and to give a rare privilege of enjoyment of music.

The story of the Pioneer Valley Symphony orchestra has just been issued in booklet form, edited by Channing L. Bete and many friends in Northfield have received a copy.

The proposal of a symphony orchestra for the county grew out of a motor trip to Albany last May when Harold Leslie, director of the Young People's symphony, and Dr. Herbert Livingstone, Brattleboro dentist and violinist, were motoring to a concert of the Albany Symphony orchestra when

their talk turned to the possibility of forming such a unit in their own section.

As they rode they named musicians whom they knew. After hearing the concert of the Albany group, they started planning in earnest so that two weeks later 22 musicians from the various towns of the county gathered for a rehearsal. The orchestra now has 50 members.

Leslie and Livingstone had spent days and nights seeking out musicians and asking them to attend just one rehearsal. Harold Bernier, formerly first trombonist with Loew's State concert orchestra in Boston, was plowing a field in Guilford, Vt., when asked to join. Arnold Janser of Springfield, cellist accepted by the Boston Symphony orchestra, said he would attend one rehearsal although transportation was difficult. He came by train to the first rehearsal and has attended regularly ever since.

They sought out others, who loved good music and would play in the orchestra without pay. They acquired a library from Dr. Livingstone who had inherited it from Mr. Tvedt of Vernon, Vt. Later Charles A. Bickford of Turners Falls enlarged the library by a loan of music.

After formal organization of the Pioneer Valley Symphony association which Dr. Livingstone heads, the Kiwanis club, which has played a key role in many community projects, recognized the beginning of a worthwhile project. It was felt this organization would not only provide an incentive for musical talent but would increase the civic stature of the whole community as its reputation spread.

Local Auto Crashes Into Horse and Buggy; Mr. Pratt Seriously Hurt

An automobile driven by Thomas J. Russell, 20, of this town, crashed into the horse and cart of Leon M. Pratt, last Saturday evening, in the center of the town. Russell was driving south on the Main highway and Pratt was crossing the same at Parker Ave. Mr. Pratt was hurled to the pavement and suffered a possible fractured skull and numerous lesser injuries. The horse was torn from the shafts by the force of the impact, and so badly injured that it was at once destroyed.

Russell told police that he was driving at about 35 miles an hour, and that he did not see the wagon until too late to avoid the crash. Dr. Wright and Dr. Dean were immediately summoned and Mr. Pratt was taken to his home after he had been cared for by friends as he lay in the roadway. On Sunday he was removed to Farren Memorial hospital and placed on the danger list while a complete examination was made of his injuries.

After the accident, Constable Harry Haskell and State Trooper Oliver Nichols, both of whom had been summoned made an investigation. The case will probably come up in district court for a hearing soon, pending the outcome of the injuries to Mr. Pratt, who in last reports is showing improvement.

Postmasters' Association To Have Holiday Meet

Merritt C. Skilton, East Northfield postmaster, as president of the Western Massachusetts Postmasters' Association, announces a meeting of the "clan" at the Oxford Country club in Chicopee next Tuesday, Dec. 5. Dinner will be served at 12:30 o'clock and already about 75 reservations have been made. Guest speakers will be Major Murdock McFadden of the U. S. Navy, who is in charge of the construction of the air base at Chicopee Falls. Also John J. Breslin, inspector, and John F. Dinand, Superintendent of Railway Mails. The program will have plenty of entertainment for the Postmasters and their wives. Nearly all the postmasters in this vicinity will attend the gathering.

The 1940 Auto Plates Will Soon Be Ready

The automobile plates for 1940 will soon be ready for distribution and motorists are urged to give the matter their early attention. Fill out your application and arrange for the compulsory insurance, taking all coverages that are necessary to protect you in case of accident. Rates for insurance and registration are about the same as for the present year. The new plates are maroon with white figures and the legend "Mass. 40" are above the number. The plates are of the same size and shape as the 39 plates. Those who held the low numbers and applied for renewals within the specified time will receive within a few days their plates to be placed on their cars, Jan. 1. Numbers issued from the Greenfield office of registry will be numbered 528,001 to 536,000.

A Christmas Party For Garden Club

The Garden club meeting will be held at Alexander hall next Monday evening, at 7:45 o'clock when the members will enjoy a Christmas party. Small gifts will be received and awarded by each one attending. Mrs. Martin E. Vorce will speak on Christmas decorations, the designs and making of wreaths, and other matters. A special program will be rendered and the business will include the consideration of the Garden library and the annual supper.

Historical Society Will Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Northfield Historical Society will be held next Tuesday evening at the Dickinson library hall at 7 o'clock. Members are urged to attend as officers and directors are to be chosen for the ensuing year. Plans for the coming year will be considered and a special program will be rendered.

Miss Harlene Carne is at home for the holiday season with her parents Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Carne.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell of Winchester road who has been in Worcester for a few weeks, has gone to Lynn Haven, Fla., for the winter.

Women's G.O.P. Meeting Hear Dewey Endorsement

Enthusiastic endorsement of Thomas E. Dewey, racket-busting District Attorney of New York City, as candidate for nomination by the Republican party for President of the United States, was given at the meeting of the Massachusetts Women's Republican club luncheon and meeting in Boston last week Friday by Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, former U. S. Representative from Illinois. Mrs. Ross L. Spencer attended the meeting from Northfield and accompanied Mrs. James A. Gunn of Turners Falls to the session.

Mrs. Simms declared "the Republican party today is the party of youth. Republican party has been taken over by realistic young America, come of age faster through the realities of the depression."

Declaring Dist. Atty. Dewey as "my personal candidate for nomination," Mrs. Simms sketched his achievements in New York, bucking Tammany and unclean politics. The young District Attorney, she said, besides vision and courage, has strength and force and a high sense of his responsibility to the people.

Mr. Dewey, she said, "is a rare phenomenon that occurs once in a generation, a young man with all the courage and strength and drive that belong only to youth, and with the maturity of judgment and soundness of mind that usually are not acquired until well past the 40 mark." She said he has "demonstrated his executive ability not once but many times."

Who's Who In Florida To Spend The Winter

Already the list of Northfield people who have gone south, to spend the winter in Florida assumes quite a list and others will be bending their way soon also.

Those now in Florida are: Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn, Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mrs. C. P. Buffum, Mr. and Mrs. George MacMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Smith and Miss Virginia Smith, at Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richards, and Miss Jennie Haight at St. Petersburg; Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge at Dade City; A. R. Levering and Miss Levering at Lynn Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kaufhold at Pass a Grille; Mrs. W. A. McIntire and sister at Daytona Beach; Mrs. Bessie Symonds at Orlando; Mrs. Gertrude Leavis at St. Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Polhemus at Miami; and Mrs. Grace C. Cornell at Lynn Haven.

Masons Elect Officers

At the annual meeting of Harmony Lodge of Masons, held Wednesday evening of last week at Masonic Hall on Parker street, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, Edgar J. Livingstone; senior warden, Harold F. Bigelow; junior warden, Vernal G. Hurlbut; treasurer, R. M. Forsaith; secretary, C. C. Stearns; associate member, Masonic relief, R. G. Holton. The date of installation has not been announced.

The newly elected master will also soon name his appointive staff.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus reached Miami, Fla., last Friday and Mr. Polhemus stood the trip very well. They will soon decide on their location for the winter.

The Congregational church of Orange invites all Northfield friends to attend the dedication services of its new tower and bell next Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. Carrie G. Britton of Main street leaves this week end to spend the winter in Springfield with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Dowd of 23 Beech street.

Wanamaker Pond has a covering of fine ice and the last week-end saw a great many of the town's young people enjoy themselves in the skating sport.

Miss Virginia Powell is spending the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt, for Thanksgiving.

President Paul D. Moody of Middlebury College is spending this Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt, while enroute to Boston.

Although the summer is over, business goes on as usual with Ripley Bros. in the manufacture and sale of their New England rugs. Summer visitors, now returned to their homes are mailing orders, and a new demand comes from retailers for resale. The shuttles work early and late.

Many of our local church folks attended the evangelistic meetings at Goodale church in Bernardston during the past week. They were conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble of Pontiac, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe W. Smith spent Tuesday in New York City, attending an AYH executive committee meeting.

Miss Marianne Dunham and William Nelson, of the Youth Hostel drove to Boston Friday night to visit Mr. Nelson's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rauscher. Saturday they attended the Harvard-Yale football game.

Monroe W. Smith, drove to Meredith, N. H., last Friday with Miss Edna Grodman and Miss Martha Hoagland, who cycled from Meredith to Plymouth, N. H. Saturday, visiting the ski slopes for which Plymouth is well known.

Miss Marion Kumin, of the hotel, spent the week end in Pittsfield where she visited her new nephew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Randall.

Clyde A. LaPlante, 21, of Hinsdale was fined \$20 in district court last Friday for operating an unregistered car in Northfield. Payment was suspended for two months. State Trooper William Mack was complainant.

It is reported that several local motorists will have a hearing on charges that they operated automobiles without having the necessary inspection during October, and whose equipment was found defective.

Dr. Richard G. Holton

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Dr. James I. Vance, former Moderator of the Presbyterian church, and well-known in religious circles died at his home in Blowing Rock, N. C., last Friday at the age of 78 years. Previous to his retirement in 1936, he had been pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Nashville, Tenn., for 32 years. He had been a visitor to Northfield at the conferences several times.

Conditions as were observed in Italy, France and England last summer was described by Prof. Horace H. Morse of Mount Hermon school before a meeting of the Rotary club in Greenfield Wednesday evening of last week. George McEwan, a member of the club, was in charge of the evening's program.

Edward Baldwin, age 72, who has lived at the home of Mrs. Flora Bowman for many years, died Saturday, Nov. 18 and was buried the following Monday.

Mrs. M. P. Stanley of Highland avenue has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dize, and family at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is reported that A. H. Mattoon, an assessor here for many years, has been taken to the Franklin county hospital for treatment.

The junior department of the Congregational church Sunday School brought donations of vegetables, fruit and canned goods last Sunday in addition to a cash offering for use in providing baskets for Thanksgiving.

The public schools closed Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday but will re-open next Monday.

Several worthy local persons received baskets of food and cheer at the Thanksgiving season. Investigation, however, showed that the need of much assistance this year, was not as great as in previous years.

Among those from Northfield who attended the Bee Keepers' Association meeting in Greenfield Monday evening were Willis Parker and Carroll Miller.

An attachment for a superior court action was filed in registry of deeds recently against Gertrude C. Mattoon of Northfield by John Phelps of Brattleboro, Vt. The action is a bill of equity.

According to a transfer filed in the Registry, Jean and Paraskevja Sulyma of Vernon have deeded land and buildings to Peter Skibnowsky also of Vernon comprising a 23-acre plot known as the Belding Spring lot and other lots north of the Schell bridge road and east of the Northfield road.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere, heartfelt thanks to all our friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness at this time.

Muriel S. Kendrick
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Daggett
Mrs. B. J. Campbell



PATRICK A. O'CONNELL

Massachusetts State Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday in the 1940 "Fight Infantine Paralysis" campaign. Mr. O'Connell is head of E. T. Stattery Co. of Boston and a trustee of Boston University.

THE FOUR SUNBEAMS

Four little sunbeams came earthward one day,
Shining and dancing along on their way.

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One crept to a couch where an invalid lay,
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3. A condition of the feet resembling frostbite, usually among soldiers in trenches. Caused by prolonged action of water on skin, combined with disturbance of the circulation due to cold.

West Northfield and South Vernon

Services at the South Vernon church next Sunday, are as follows: Morning worship at 10:30. Miss Mary Spooner, a returned missionary from Central America, will be the speaker. Church school at 11:45. Evening service at 7, in charge of the young people. Mid-week service at the Vernon Home, Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p. m.

A united service was held by the South Vernon church and Union church of Vernon, last Sunday evening. A large congregation listened to a very interesting program. It commenced with a song service, with Ernest Dunklee as choir director. A duet was sung by Miss Alma Dunklee and Miss Hazel Tenney. Mrs. Mabel Makepeace of Northfield read the scripture and announced the speaker, Miss Mary Spooner, who gave an intensely interesting talk about her work in Central America—about their customs, language and her varied experiences in that far-away land.

The South Vernon P. T. A. will hold a mock radio entertainment at the South school next Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 8 p. m. in charge of Mrs. Bessie Dunklee. An amateur contest will be held and prizes will be given for the best performances. Will all amateurs who are willing to assist in the program, please let Mrs. Bessie Dunklee know, so their names can be listed. A small fee will be charged.

Michael Zaluzny of New York City spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zaluzny. Miss Olivia Edson and her grandfather, James Long, returned Friday, after spending a few days with her parents, and his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Edson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunklee, Warren Dunklee and Mrs. Frank Lackey went to Springfield Tuesday where the Dunklee's attended the meeting of the directors of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange. Mrs. Lackey called on her sister, Mrs. Alfred Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dunklee went to Castleton, Vt., Wednesday to bring home the four local students, Misses Marjorie Tyler, Helen Scherlin, Elva Martineau, and Ruth Dunklee for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. E. W. Scherlin has received word from her father in Sweden that while his daughters, were celebrating his 100th birthday anniversary here, the people of his own community gave him a grand celebration, and presented him with 600 crowns. He is said to be the first man in his village to live to the age of 100.

Mrs. Shippee, who lives in the Blodgett house, is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Clara Pratt has gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Scherlin, to remain until after Thanksgiving.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Palmer at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

Leroy Barnes exhibited a number of his white leghorns at the Ne England Poultry Association show in Greenfield recently and received many prizes. He took the third special Massachusetts prize and also awards on cock, hen, young trio, and cockerel. In the juvenile class, Marguerite Barnes won 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes on buff cochin bantam pullet, 1st on black rose comb bantam cockerel, and 2nd on black rose comb bantam pullet.

A successful fair, entertainment and dance was held at the Vernon Grange hall, Friday evening under the auspices of the Vernon school P. T. A.'s and the Ladies' Society of the Vernon Union church. Refreshments were sold at booths representing the season, by different groups. There were exhibits by several merchants. Parts taken in the program by South Vernon people included a musical dialog by the Pond school children, accordion selections by Mrs. Ruth Holton, dance numbers by the Perry sisters, and a one-act play by Mrs. Ernest Dunklee and Courtland Dunklee.

BARTER

Life has loveliness to sell,
All beautiful and splendid things,
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,
Soaring fire that sways and sings,
And children's faces looking up,
Holding wonder like a cup.
Life has loveliness to sell,
Music like a curve of gold,
Scent of pine trees in the rain,
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,
And for your spirit's still delight,
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,
Buy it and never count the cost;
For one white singing hour of peace

Count many a year of strife
well lost,
And for a breath of ecstasy
Give all you have been or could be.
—Sara Teasdale

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Grange Notes

Northfield Grange will hold a public supper and a community spelling bee at the town hall Friday evening, Dec. 8. Between the supper and the contest there will be a program, with musical numbers by a group from Mount Hermon. Proceeds of the spelling bee will go to the senior class of Northfield High School. Participants will be admitted to the match free of charge. Volunteer spellers are being sought and are requested to give their names in advance to a member of the committee, which is composed of Warren Brown, Mrs. Carroll Miller, and Mrs. Russell Hale. Mrs. Hermon Fisher is chairman of the supper committee. Further announcement will be made next week.

There will be a dance at the Grange hall Thursday evening, Dec. 7.

Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will meet at Guiding Star Grange hall in Greenfield Thursday evening, Dec. 7. Supper will be served at 7, and the meeting is scheduled at 8, for the purpose of conferring the fifth degree. The change from the usual date is made in order that members may take the fifth degree before the Mass. State Grange session.

Northfield Grange held a regular meeting Tuesday evening. During the lecturer's program, Elliott V. Fleckles of Mount Hermon told of the successful efforts of the people of Nova Scotia to improve their condition through study groups and the formation of co-operative buying. Mr. Fleckles is now connected with a study and co-operative buying group in Greenfield. Readings were given by Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert, Mrs. Carroll Miller, and Miss Mary Dalton and a duet by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson and Ernest Dunklee.

It was voted to send the master-elect, Clayton Miller and wife to the State Grange and the lecturer, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, to the lecturers' conference to be held at the same session.

Want Citizenship

Twenty-seven Polish citizens lead the list of fifty-four residents of Franklin county who desire naturalization in order to become American citizens. Preliminary hearings have been held at the county court house and next July in superior court the presiding Judge will pass on the granting of the privilege. In the list beside those of Polish extraction, are those from Great Britain, Lithuania, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Latvia and Germany. It is said that Northfield is represented among the towns from which the applications have been received.

Navy Officer: You can follow your regular trade in the Navy.
Recruit: But I used to be a cowboy.

Navy Officer: So what? You can be a cook and ride the range in the galley!

Daughter: Oh, Father, how grand it is to be alive! The world is too good for anything! Why isn't every one happy?

Father: Who is he this time?

He: What are we having for dinner?
She: Sponge cake, dear. I sponged the eggs from Mrs. Holmes, the flour from Mrs. Brown, and the milk from Mrs. Smith.

Actor: I must insist upon having real food in the banquet scene.

Manager (fed up): Just as you like, but then you will have to have real poison in the death scene.

Church Services

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school will meet at ten o'clock for the study of the scriptures. At 11, the regular preaching service when the choir will sing specially chosen anthems; the subject of the sermon will be "The Unconquerable Life." At 2:30 the Sunday school at the Farms, followed by a worship service. At 7, the meeting of the Christian Endeavor. At 8, another study in prophecy: The Holy Land and the Holy Book. Moses predicted that Asher should dip his foot in oil. The Budding Fig Tree. Life from the Dead Sea. The Abiding Word, the marvel of the Ages.

Tuesday at 3, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class will meet with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:45, the C. E. Cottage prayer service.

Wednesday at 3, meeting of the Women's Missionary society; the leaders, Mrs. F. H. Doolittle and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle.

Thursday at 7:45, weekly prayer service at the vestry, followed by the choir rehearsal.

Friday at 7:30, Evening Auxiliary sewing meeting will meet with Mrs. Fred Pallam. Devotions by Mrs. Richard Buftum.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school, observing birthday giving. 10:45, church worship. Rev. Charles H. Emmons, vice-president of the Universalist church, who made so many friends in Northfield last year, returns for a service this year. He will conduct the entire service preaching upon the subject, "In Our Time."

Treadway On Taxes

"This government cannot meet its present-day expenditures by any form of taxation without causing terrible hardships and perhaps confiscation of property. Taxes are as high as people can stand."

This was the utterance of our Congressman, Allen T. Treadway in Washington in commenting upon the President's talk of a special national defense tax. He certainly reflects in this matter the opinion of his constituency.

The President has made a request for an additional \$271,999,523 for national defense in this fiscal year. This sum would increase the fiscal year's appropriations and contract authorizations for the armed services to \$2,006,912,293.

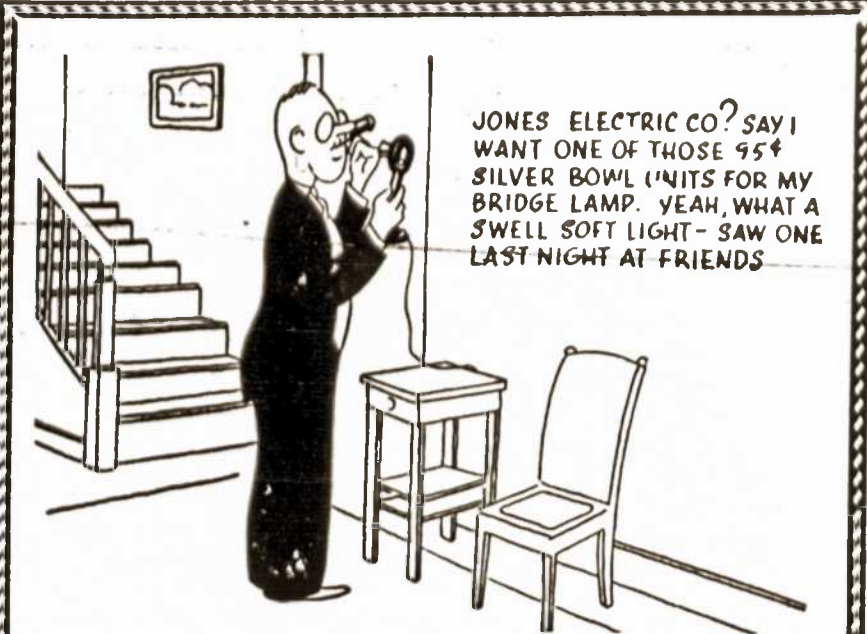
Children Entertained

Saturday afternoon, the first of a series of programs for young boys and girls was held at the town hall. Girls from the seminary entertained the children with games, stories, handicraft, and refreshments.

From Northfield there were four children: Doris Doolittle, Barbara Holton, Joan Williams, and Margaret Rich. Eight trudged over from West Northfield: Ruth Holton, Vera Holton, Meredith Randolph, June Randolph, Clarence Randolph, Lois Gibson, Clifford Holton and Tommy Holton. They were escorted by Miss Betty Weston.



MARION CALL, 17, of North Reading, has cooked her way to the 15th National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago, Dec. 1-5. She is named a delegate by State Club Leader G. L. Farley for achievements in six years which comprise canning 374 jars of foods, preparing 175 special recipes, and doing home cooking half of that time. Value of her work is given as \$1,150. As state winner in the national 4-H food contest she receives a trip to Chicago through the Servel company which also gives a \$100 college scholarship and two refrigerators to top eastern girls. Canning of 2,477 jars of foods raised in part in her own garden brought state 4-H title in this ability to Helen L. Proctor, 17, of Ellington, who receives an all-expense trip to the Chicago event through The Kerr company and will compete for a \$200 scholarship. Dorothea Dixon of Waterford, receives a 25-quart canner retort. For her general excellence in 4-H home economics projects, including the exhibition of 777 articles to win \$125.00 in prizes, June Loveland, 18, of Greenfield, goes to the Congress on a Montgomery Ward trip and will be a candidate for a \$300 scholarship.



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EDITORIAL

Recently a man came to Northfield, to look over the town for a location for a summer residence and from the talk, I presumed he wanted a large area. He asked many questions and began to compare us with other towns which he had visited, and which had impressed him. He spoke of the assessments and the taxes, and when informed, I noticed a chilling of his enthusiasm for this town. He mentioned the town of Monterey in the Berkshires and at once impressed me with its desirability. Now, I have never been to Monterey, but I looked up its status, and I found it described as most picturesque and that 72 per cent of its taxpayers are non-resident. It has reasonable assessments and a tax rate of only \$16.40 per thousand, the lowest in the state. It has no one on welfare and has borrowed no money for five years. It has a treasury surplus of \$8,332. With a population of only 325 inhabitants, the community boasts of its situation, of its attractiveness and low tax rate and is making a bid for more of the summer, non-resident folks by conducting an efficient and low-cost government. It is a growing summer colony. No wonder, Monterey seems alluring.

Every citizen of this town is interested in the status of affairs of the community and the reason we do not know, is because we never take the trouble to enquire. Publicity is a good thing, and the open book of the activities of our town officials should be cultivated by both those who serve and are served.

In a conversation with our efficient treasurer and tax collector, Charles F. Slate, the enquiring Editor gained some important information and an understanding of the money situation of the town.

The actual amount of the taxes, exclusive of the motor vehicle excise, amounts to \$69,944.28. The receipts of the 1939 taxes to date of Nov. 18, amounts to \$45,688.51 which is 9 per cent over last year for the same period. The number of cars registered in 1939 to date is 840, an increase over the number registered in 1938 of 751, for the same period. In 1937, for the same period, the cars registered were 670. Thus it is possible to conclude that car owners are yearly increasing in this town. The total amount of the motor vehicle excise thus far received for 1939 is \$5,351.77. The town is indebted to the state as of Nov. 20 in the sum of \$6,069.37 and the county tax for which we are obligated amounts to \$4,449.84.

To be sure, all this information will be contained in the annual report of the town, published for the annual meeting, but very few folks really study the facts contained therein and use it only as a reference guide. Perhaps there may come a time when all departmental expenses may be furnished the taxpayer at regular intervals and thus acquaint him of the activities of our officials and boards. Let us not forget that a public office is a public trust.

"INTER NOS"

I did not know that heaven was heaven,
Until thy heart touched mine;
I did not know that love was love,
Until I drank of thine.

I did not know that wrong was wrong,
Until I ruled thy soul;
That weak was weak, and strong was strong,
Until I paid the toll.

And now I know that lost is lost,
For I cannot regain;
And now I know that hell is hell,
For I can feel its pain.

—By John Randolph Stidman

Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that Massachusetts people are the third largest buyers per capita of retail merchandise in the Union... The late President Eliot of Harvard was on the first crew to row against Yale in 1852... More wool is absorbed in Lawrence than in any other city of the United States... Massachusetts has the greatest mileage of public highways of any state of its size... All dairy cows shipped into this state must be inspected, blood-tested and be found to have a negative reaction to Bang's disease... Harvard Stadium was given to the college by the class of 1879 "for the furtherance of interest in athletics"... The only enemy shell of the World War that fell in the United States landed in Orleans... The first school law in America was enacted in Massachusetts in 1642... Sixty per cent of the General Electric Co.'s sales are in products that were unknown twenty years ago... Massachusetts is largest of the states in production of textile machinery, with an output of about \$45,000,000 a year... More than \$150,000,000 worth of electrical machinery and supplies is made annually in this state, employing over 25,000 workers... The largest guns used in the Navy are made in Massachusetts... Representatives of the State Planning Board have held conferences recently with local planning groups, officials and others, and civic organizations in Rehoboth, Swansea, Somerset, Seekonk, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and Marion.

The first General Conference of the Methodist church, which is now a single union of all its affiliations, will meet in Atlantic City next April, its sessions beginning on the 24th.

The 39th annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts will be held at All Saints' church, Worcester, on the third Wednesday in May (May 15), 1940.

Northfield motorists who visit New York by auto will be glad to learn that the Merritt Highway in Connecticut is now open for its full 38-mile length. It begins in Stratford and joins the Hutchinson Highway in New York City. It's a beautiful parkway. Eventually it is hoped to extend it northward toward Hartford and Worcester.

The Berkshire Symphonic Festival with the Boston Symphony orchestra and Serge Koussevitzky director will consist of three weeks of music next summer at Tanglewood. It will be held during the first three weeks of August.

Gov. Saltonstall will be one of the speakers at the eighth annual meeting of the Mass. Federation of Taxpayers' Associations on Dec. 16 at Hotel Statler in Boston. His subject will be "Progress in State Government."

The Connecticut Valley tobacco crop was estimated recently at 35,105,000 pounds, 53 per cent above last year's hurricane-damaged crop and five per cent above the 10-year average.

There are about 600 Episcopalians among the students at Smith College at Northampton. The Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., ministers to them.

LITTLE HOUSES

I like little houses best;
They, by far, are loveliest.

In the Spring they entertain
Wistful winds and rhyming rain;
In the Summer they enfold
Reveries of green and gold;
In the Autumn they rever
Raptures of the dying year,
And in Winter, in December,
Oh, how sweetly they remember,
With candlelight and open fires,
Olden dreams and old desires!

We who dwell in little houses
Know how morning quite carouses
In its glory; know how days
Kindly keep their gentle ways;
Know how dusk can settle down,
Wearing starlight as a gown—
Starlight and the amethyst
Veils of vagueness known as mists
Know how beauties such as these
Can be gathered in the peace
Of nights filled with silences:

I like little houses best;
They, by far, are loveliest!
—Philip Emerson Wood

Back Yard Gardener

I received a note the other day from the folks down at the Waltham Field Station on the results of their tests with hardy asters. And after seeing how the late blooming chrysanthemums added color to my garden this fall I decided that late asters might be added another year.

The station, you know, is a branch of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station which is located at the Mass. State College in Amherst. This past year they had approximately 400 varieties of asters in their testing gardens. I feel like kicking myself, if such were possible, for not having visited these aster gardens. The outstanding variety, according to Ray Koon, who is director there, was the Curtis Pink. It is even better than the Harrington's Pink. It is a week or two weeks later and has the same bright rose pink color.

Another variety which was rather outstanding is the Violeta which is a novi-belgii seedling. Novi-belgii translated means a New York aster, and novae-angellae means a New England aster. This variety is blue. According to Mr. Koon, it is not a true blue, but it is slightly bluer than some of the so-called blues such as Blue Gem, Blue Eyes, Royal Blue, and others. It has a very healthy vigorous character.

Here are some of the others which the field station recommends:

Star of Eisenach is lavender colored and is particularly good for rock gardens and low borders. Wonder of Staffa is a clonal variety of Aster Frikartii. It is a lavender color, about 2 feet in height, and blooms in August thru September. It is not too hardy.

King George is another lavender, about 2 feet in height, and blooms in August.

Mount Everest is probably the best white aster in the collection. It grows about 4 feet in height. White Climax is a fair rival. Mt. Everest is decidedly superior to such white asters as Perry's White, Snowflake, Snowdrift, and Queen Elizabeth. It blooms in late September.

Mount Rainier is a white. It blooms in late September with a long blooming period and is about 4 feet in height. Its flowers, however, are not so white as those of Mount Everest nor so graceful in habit.

Dr. Eckner, when open, is a mallow purple in color, 4 feet in height, and blooms in late September.

Charles Wilson is a ruby red. It blooms in late September and is about 3 feet in height.

Skylands Queen is probably the best lavender, is about 4 feet in height, and blooms in late September.

Blue Plume, Gayborder Blue, Blue Lagoon, Blue Eyes, and Ivy Logan are all blues and are all equally good. The first two bloom in late September and the last three in mid-September.

A lavender with a compact type of growth is Campbell's Pink. This bears many flowers and is wider than it is tall. It blooms in early October.

A real tall lavender is Aeneas. This is light in color.

A very nice violet is Ryecliff Purple. This grows 5 to 6 feet in height and is a good background for lower varieties.

Well, I think that list is enough to meet the needs of most people's likes and dislikes as to color. And now that I have given you all this I hope that you won't forget to buy some of these aster plants next spring. Asters you know like plenty of sunshine and since they are late blooming they should be divided in the spring, spacing them about two feet apart.

Your Children's Toys

Parents and relatives doing their Christmas shopping for the children should pick toys on a basis of what the toys do for the child, and not on the basis of color, design, or appearance, according to Mrs. Ruth Morley, specialist in child training at Mass. State College. "Toys are tools of play, that serious business of childhood," says the specialist.

"Buying toys economically means buying fewer toys, but selecting them more carefully," continues Mrs. Morley. "This means that toys should be well constructed and durable so that they will not be damaged in the hard usage of normal play. Children become attached to their toys, and enjoy using them for a long time.

"In selecting toys, it is well to consider what the child already has. After a new toy added to a child's assortment will make the old toys more useful and more interesting. For example, if a child who already has a set of building blocks receives a toy boat, the blocks immediately become piers, boat-houses, bridges, etc."

On the other hand, new toys can give children wholly new ideas, Mrs. Morley points out. "Children should have toys that

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PUBLIC FORUM

Editor of the Press:

Wealth may be defined as anything which satisfies any human want and costs human effort. Land, Capital, and Labor, and the greatest of these is labor. The share of new wealth due to land is called rent, that to capital is interest and labor's share is wages. In all economic discussions the terms, rent, interest and wages have or should have these definite meanings, somewhat narrower for rent and interest than common usage, but with the term wages expanded to include all returns for all kinds of labor.

Statisticians tell us that labor is entitled to 75 per cent of all production. If workers got their due to that extent there would be no poverty, except for the lazy and improvident. The actual situation is far different. 90 per cent of the people have only 10 per cent of the wealth with which to provide food, clothing, shelter, protection, entertainment, culture and any other of humanity's needs and rights.

The landlord and the capitalist use every possible device to increase their takings beyond legitimate rent and interest always at the expense of wages. Financiers manipulate money to their own profit and wage earners lose. Sometimes these forces gouge each other but all the time they prey upon labor.

After the worker has received the remaining small fraction of his just dues he must pay at least a third in taxes, so that to all other forms of robbery must be added that part of his taxes for which he receives no adequate return. Herin is the cause of poverty and the prolific source of famine, revolution, crime and war.

People may be divided into two groups, the ignorant and the understanding. In our land of free thought, free speech, and free schools, it is pitiful that the first group should be so large. The understanding may be further divided into those who honestly desire a better economic system and those who are profiting or hope to profit by the current robbery of labor.

Better times will come when workers unite on a sane program. The Townsend National Recovery Plan is well worth considering as a first long step in such a program.

—D. F. Carpenter

develop both bodies and mind. They need toys to use when playing alone as well as toys to use when playing with other children."

Stating that children get their first ideas of beauty from their toys and everyday surroundings, Mrs. Morley urges that these familiar materials be designed with the principles of art in mind. Although toys need not be works of art; neither do they have to be grotesque. They should be simply and tastefully colored, and be pleasing to the eye.

"Toys should give children a chance to experiment, to try out their own ideas, and develop their own skills. Some mechanical or merely ornamental toys do not do this. An elaborate mechanical toy finally bores a child, or else encourages him to abuse it by pulling it apart."

Air Mail Increase

Air mail at the post offices in Northfield is on a rapid increase, both incoming and outgoing, so reports our postmasters. Assistant Postmaster Harold F. Bigelow is very enthusiastic over the service and he suggests local patrons further avail themselves of the service. Air mail service stamps of 6, 10, 16, 20, 30, and 50-cent denominations are for sale and letters to Europe cost only 30 cents per half ounce. Service to Europe goes by way of the Azores, Portugal and Spain twice weekly.

The average amount of mail carried weekly in October was 2500 pounds which would number approximately 92,720 letters. At Lisbon, connection is made with the Italian air service for further despatch. Besides using the invaluable use of hurried mail to points in North and South America. Northfield mail is placed on transports at the Newark airport.

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